

Data Source Documentation

Indicator	Overweight children enrolled in WIC
Demographic Group	Wisconsin children enrolled in WIC (the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children)
Numerator	Number of children in the Wisconsin WIC program who are overweight or at risk of overweight
Denominator	Total number of children in the Wisconsin WIC program
Details about Data Item	<p>The Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System (PedNSS) is a national child-based public health surveillance system that monitors the nutritional status of low-income children in federally funded maternal and child health programs. Wisconsin reports WIC program data to this system.</p> <p>Body Mass Index (BMI) is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by height in meters squared (w/h^2). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) plots BMI-for-age on sex-specific growth charts for children and youth 2-20 years of age to determine percentile-for-age.</p> <p>According to the Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance 2003 annual report, expert committees have recommended a two-level screening for overweight among children 2 years of age and older. The recommendations are to use BMI-for-age at or above the 95th percentile to define “overweight” and use BMI-for-age between the 85th and 95th percentile to define “at risk of overweight.” The 95th percentile identifies children who have a significant likelihood that overweight will persist into adulthood.</p>
Other Data Information	Data are collected at the clinic level, aggregated at the state level, and submitted to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for analysis.
Reference Time Period	Calendar year
Data Source	Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System Wisconsin Summary, Unpublished Tables, Table 18c, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. State-specific prevalence summaries are published in the Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance annual report. These summaries do not include detail by race/ethnicity.
Additional Information	<p>Information on the Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System (PedNSS) is available at http://www.cdc.gov/pednss/index.htm</p> <p>The Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance 2003 annual report is available at http://www.cdc.gov/pednss/pdfs/PedNSS_2002_Summary.pdf</p>